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Art Unit 3622

Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application
Appl. No. 09/592,086; Filed: June 12, 2000
For: **Apparatus for Preparing Client Communications Involving Financial Products and Services**
Inventor: Richard Marc LIBMAN
Our Ref: 2176.0010002

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. PTO Fee Transmittal Form (PTO/SB/17);
2. Ninth Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement;
3. A listing of the cited documents on Form PTO-1449 (1 page);
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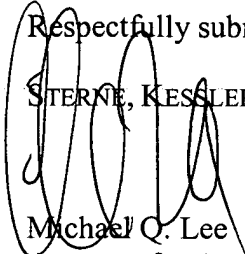
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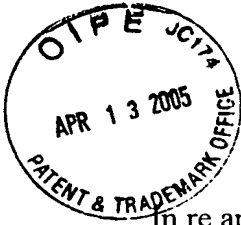
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Ninth Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement

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Sir:

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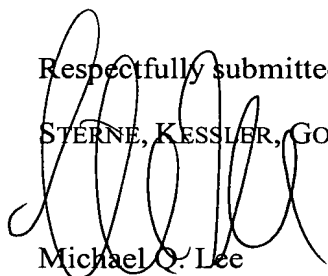
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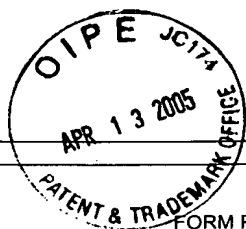
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